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reading together

Just announced! Reading Together 2009 will focus on Rick Bragg's memoirs, *All Over But the Shoutin'*, *Ava's Man*, and the recently published *The Prince of Frogtown*. Readers may read any one or more of the series, as all feature the same themes. Bragg will visit Kalamazoo April 14, 2009.

Reading Together invites people of all ages, from all walks of life, to read and then discuss issues raised by a single book or, in this case, by a series of memoirs. Book discussions and dozens of special events will be offered.

Kalamazoo Public Library leads Reading Together, a collaboration of libraries, schools, social services agencies, businesses, governments, the media, and a wide variety of organizations throughout Kalamazoo County.

kalamazoo reads

Some famous faces show their support for the simple but powerful message—READ—on posters published by the American Library Association. Now Kalamazoo has its own set of READ posters featuring local faces!

During National Library Week, KPL gave patrons the chance to have a photo taken for a READ poster. The photos were posted on the library website so people could vote for their favorite. The top two vote-getters at each location were printed on a bookmark.

Besides the bookmarks, you'll see photos and posters on a banner, in print ads and on the new library van, wrapped by Agio Imaging. Learn more at www.kpl.gov/READ.

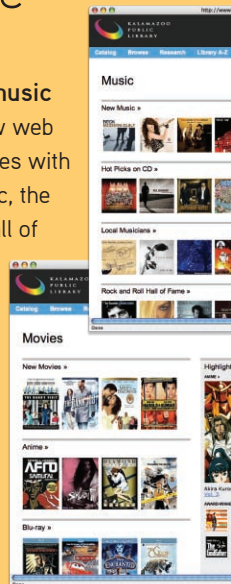


new site

music

www.kpl.gov/music

The library's new web site includes pages with the newest music, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, CDs by local musicians, plus the staff Music Blog and Decibel Decisions—music highlights from KPL's musically savvy staff.



movies

www.kpl.gov/movies

The new site also features the newest movies, anime, Blu-ray, foreign films, Kalamazoo Film Society selections, Hot Picks, and more. If you're a serious movie fan, be sure to check out the Criterion Collection—important classic and contemporary films on DVD. Want to see what KPL staff are watching? Read the Movies Blog. www.kpl.gov/movies/blog.

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autumn events

books & more

Meet Paul Sizer

September 30, 6:30 pm, Central

With *B.P.M.*, a new graphic novel about a young DJ, Paul Sizer combines his love of comics



and his love of music into a moving, dynamic story of passion, motivation and hard choices over following one's creative dreams. Books will be available to purchase and sign.

Art Hop

October 3, 6-8 pm, Central

Exhibition by students from the West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology in Grand Rapids. Classical guitarist Jeff Dwarshuis performs.

Celebrate Reading

October 18, 3-5 pm, Powell

The Saturday Eves' Book Club will honor its 40th anniversary with a party celebrating reading. Several women started the group, the first African American book group in Kalamazoo, to take time out of their busy professional lives to read, review and share current books—most, but not all, by black authors. The group also engages the community by donating books to children recommended by local educators.

A Streetcar Named Desire

November 10, 6 pm, Central

See director Elia Kazan's steamy, atmospheric film adaptation of the Tennessee Williams play about two sisters in post-World War II New Orleans. Co-sponsored by Kalamazoo Institute of Arts in celebration of its exhibit *Spared From the Storm: Masterworks From the New Orleans Museum of Arts*.



Inside Vietnam

September 23, 6:45 pm, Eastwood

Vietnam is a nation reborn, a land of natural beauty unlike any other place on earth, where ancient temples, French colonial mansions, and glittering skyscrapers mingle in harmony. Explore Vietnam beyond the scars of recent history as Kristin Tyrrell share her impressions of this amazing country through photos, video and her own reminiscences from a 2008 trip.

The Power of Forgiveness

September 25, 6:30 pm, Central

Sponsored by the Fetzer Institute as part of its Campaign for Love & Forgiveness, this documentary tells the stories of people affected by horrible crimes, examines the role of forgiveness in easing anger and grief, and explores its physical, mental, and spiritual benefits. A discussion will follow the film.

End-of-Summer Reading Party

**September 13, 2-5 pm
Arcadia Festival Site**

All summer reading game players are welcome! Pick up your free ticket by September 6 at any library location. Join us for music, food, games for preschoolers, bingo, a dunk tank, and a climbing wall, slide, bungee run, or other inflatable games. Questions? Please call 553-7804.

music

Michael Beauchamp September 17, 7 pm, Central



With his powerful voice and mournful guitar, Michael Beauchamp spins melodic yarns about lost love, travel, and the importance of

live music. His debut solo album, *My Northern Voices*, echoes old time, bluegrass, and '60s folk sounds. Eana Agopian, who created *Voices* cover, will display her collage-based work, combining her photos, drawing, painting, and found objects.

Talking Drums

October 18, 1:30 pm, Central

Master talking drummer Adebisi Adeleke performs all over the world. He studied traditional African music at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria, and now teaches Yoruba music and culture. Kalamazoo College's fall production of Wole Soyinka's play *Death and the King's Horseman* features talking drums.

Corn Fed Girls

October 22, 7 pm, Central



A close-knit group of friends whose ties span decades, with roots in bluegrass and folk, the Corn Fed Girls produce an acoustic sound described as "raindrops

on rooftops and sideburns on kittens." Their set and recent CD, *Cornstar*, feature original material from every member of the group.

glowfriends

November 19, 7 pm Central



This five piece indie-shoegazing-acousticcore group has released three albums and one E.P., and played dates throughout the U.S. and U.K. They're currently

planning tour dates through the Midwest and further to support their third album, *A Farewell to Fair-Weather*.

eat local

Learn about Kalamazoo's Eat Local movement during this month-long celebration.

Edible Forest Gardens

September 11, 6:30 pm, Central

Dave Jacke explores the ecology and design of home-scale food forests in *Edible Forest Gardens*. Jacke designs diverse, high-yield gardens featuring fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, mushrooms, other useful plants, and animals, in a way that mimics natural ecosystems and forges mutually beneficial relationships.

Burgeoning Green Economy

September 24, 6:30 pm, Central

Tim Young, entrepreneur and founder of Food for Thought, will talk about the economic benefits of developing a business that helps sustain and preserve our natural world. Food for Thought's organic jams, juices, preserves, and condiments are sold throughout the Midwest and beyond.

Sleep Tight, Sweet Garden

September 26, 12:30 pm, Oshtemo

The growing season may be winding down, but there are some things we can do to give our garden a nice winter rest. Experts from Fair Food Matters will suggest ways to prepare the garden for springtime success.



Fair Food Film Festival: Food and Community

November 13, 6 pm, Central

KPL is one of several sites for Kalamazoo's first Fair Food Film Festival. This tasty program of movie scenes and essays by local writers centers on the important connection of food and community.

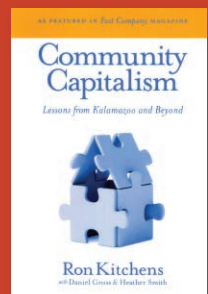
Your Brain on Music

October 11, 10:30 am, Central
Daniel Levitin, PhD, author of the international best-seller, *This Is Your Brain on Music*, will read from and sign copies of his newest book, *The World in Six Songs*. A world-renowned author, scholar and record producer, Levitin is the James McGill Professor in the psychology of electronic communication, McGill University. Books will be available to purchase and sign.

Community Capitalism

November 6, 7 pm, Central

Ron Kitchens, chief executive officer of Southwest Michigan First, will introduce and talk about his newly published book *Community Capitalism: Lessons from Kalamazoo and Beyond*. Kitchens coined



the term community capitalism to describe the groundbreaking economic development strategies employed by

Kalamazoo to revitalize its economy, strategies recognized by such publications as *Fast Company*, *The Economist*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. Books will be available to purchase and sign.



nonprofit resources

Programs to help develop and manage the nonprofit organization.

Grant Seeking Tips

September 9, October 7, November 18, 2:30 pm, Central

Explore the library's wide array of nonprofit-related resources with an expert, including the best books, periodicals, and web sites. Learn what it takes to create a credible, successful, and effective nonprofit organization. Registration required; call 553-7844.

Grant Proposal Writing

September 22, 6:30 pm, Central

Learn how to draft a winning grant proposal for your non-profit organization and how to foster strong relationships with grant-makers. Registration required; call 553-7844.

Meet the Grantmaker

October 21, 7 pm, Central
Bryan Zocher, Irving S. Gilmore Foundation program officer, will discuss the grant seeking process. Learn what to include in a grant proposal, what grantmakers expect from you and your non-profit organization, and what are the funding emphases and priorities of a foundation. Registration required; call 553-7844.

@ your library

Ask a Lawyer

September 3, October 1, November 5, 6-8 pm, Powell

September 11, October 9, November 13, 6-8 pm, Central

September 12, October 10, November 14, 11:30 am-1 pm, Central

Free legal clinic for low to moderate income persons with County Bar Association volunteer lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, civil litigation issues, divorce and family law. Call 553-7920 to schedule a 20-minute appointment.

Can We Talk?

September 24, 6-8 pm, Central

Free mediation clinic with conflict resolution experts through Dispute Resolution Services. Learn how a mediator can work with you and another person to help settle a conflict without taking sides. For more information or to schedule a 20-minute appointment, call 553-7920.

poetry feast

Offerings co-sponsored by the Friends of Poetry.

The Paper Dolls

October 7, 7 pm, Central

Diane Seuss and other writers present the fruits of their summer labors. Readers include Bonnie Jo Campbell, Elizabeth Kerlikowske, Lynn Pattison, Nina Feirer, and others.



First Books

November 3, 7 pm, Central

Joy Gaines-Friedler and Daneen Wardrop will read from their first, and newly published, collections of poetry. Joy will offer a writing workshop at 4 pm; call 553-7809 to register for the workshop.

computer classes

Sharing Via the Web

September 12, 26 or October 24, 10:30 am Oshtemo

Learn how web-based applications such as Flickr, Picasa, Bubbleshare, PicLens, Google Docs, Blogger, and Twitter let you easily share your photos, thoughts, and writing with others online. Registration required; call 553-7862.



Computer Training

Multiple FREE classes available each month in the Central Library lab on computer, email and websearch basics, plus Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, and Publisher. Pick up a schedule at the library or call 553-7862 for more information.

history & genealogy

this old building

This series offers a closer, insider's look at intriguing historical buildings in Kalamazoo.



Henderson Castle

September 15, 7 pm, Central

Frank Henderson, one of Kalamazoo's most successful businessmen, built the 25-room home known today as "The Castle" because of its ornate style and imposing hilltop location on West Main Street. Current owners Peter and Laura Livingstone-McNelis will share the history and majesty of this treasured Kalamazoo landmark.



Ladies Library Association

November 12, 7 pm, Central

Sharon Carlson will explore the fascinating history of the Ladies Library Association, both the organization and their downtown Kalamazoo home, the first building built by and for a woman's club in the United States. Dr. Carlson directs Western Michigan University's Archives and Regional History Collections.

author visits

New titles especially for those interested in local and Michigan history. Books for sale and signing at events.

Allure of Michigan's Past

September 23, 7 pm, Central

Historian Larry Massie will introduce the tenth volume in his series about Michigan's people and places—tales to "bring you pleasure, instill pride and inspire you to explore more of Michigan's majestic heritage."

Kalamazoo City Parks

October 15, 7 pm, Central

Depending on the season and location, Kalamazoo's parks offer sun and shade, quiet respite and vigorous activity, places to play, picnic, meet, and gather.



John Urschel, City of Kalamazoo records and information manager, recounts the stories of our parks, past and present, in his illustrated history.

genealogy

Genealogy Lock-In

October 10, 6-10 pm, Central

An after hours event just for genealogists! Explore reference materials and databases, use the microfilm reader/scanner/printer and save to flash drive. Reserved parking in the library lot. Free copying and printing. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning September 15 to register.

Intro to Genealogy

November 13, 1:30-3:30 pm, Central

Start compiling your family tree at this workshop in the library's computer lab! Learn how to search Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, and KPL's own index to local newspapers featuring vital statistics back to 1834. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning October 20 to register. Space limited.

book groups

Discuss classics, best-sellers, and little-known gems.

Oshtemo

**Second Tuesday
Oshtemo, 1 pm**

Brief History of the Dead

by Kevin Brockmeier
September 9

Year of Wonders

by Geraldine Brooks
October 14

Memoirs of a Geisha

by Arthur Golden
November 11

Books @ Central

**Third Tuesday
Central, 7 pm**

Water for Elephants

by Sara Gruen
September 16

The Other

by David Guterson
October 21

Glass Castle

by Jeannette Walls
November 18

Classics Revisited

**Third Thursday
Central, 7 pm**

War and Peace

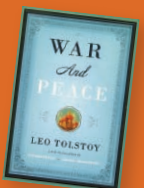
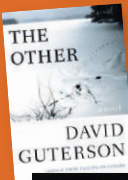
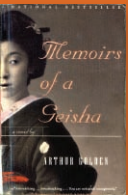
by Leo Tolstoy
September 18

Short Stories

by Flannery O'Connor
October 16

Persuasion

by Jane Austen
November 20





ready to read

spelling bee

November 19, 6-9 pm, Bernhard Center, WMU

Ready to Read is now enlisting corporate sponsors to field teams of two intrepid spellers and six enthusiastic cheerleaders at the Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee, which raises funds to purchase gift books for children throughout Kalamazoo County.

Last year, the Bee raised \$33,000 to buy 11,000 gift books. Ready to Read seeks to raise \$5,000 more this year to purchase gift books for the Nurse-Family Partnership and two immunization clinics that recently joined the Ready to Read collaboration.



Above: KPL cheerleaders show typical team spirit!

Right: The Community-Access Center spellers tackle the word "luau."



Want to participate but can't sponsor a team? Be a spelling judge or timekeeper for \$500, make a Book Pledge of \$250, sponsor a letter of the alphabet for just \$100, or buy a spectator ticket for \$35. 100% of net Bee proceeds will be used to buy children's

books; each \$3 realized buys a gift book for a child. Last year, we gave away close to 20,000 books.

Call Ready to Read at 553-7803 or email r2r@kpl.gov to join the fun. See photos and a video clip from last year's Bee online at www.kpl.gov/ready-to-read.

the program

Ready to Read encourages parents to read aloud to their children, beginning at birth. By sharing the joy of reading, parents help prepare their children to learn to read. Kalamazoo Public Library leads this community collaboration to promote early childhood literacy through Books for Babies, Rx Reading, Volunteer Readers, and a community awareness campaign.

Through **Books for Babies**, Bronson and Borgess hospitals give each newborn a storybook and encourage parents to read aloud to their babies with a list of baby-friendly books.

Rx Reading pediatricians, nurses, social workers, educators, and other professionals prescribe reading and give young children books at 36 community sites, including the WIC program and Loaves & Fishes' food pantries.

Volunteer Readers model book sharing and read aloud to children in clinic waiting rooms, family shelters, Head Start and PEEP classrooms. Volunteers read for two hours a week; training and books are provided.

Ready to Read participated in more than 20 community events in addition to hosting the annual **Party in the Park** to celebrate the joy of reading. Fifty community leaders and costumed storybook characters read to 1,430 preschoolers at this special storytime in Bronson Park on May 28, 2008.

Want to know more? Interested in volunteering? Visit the website, www.kpl.gov/ready-to-read.



tween/teen

Autumn 2008
September through November

R = Registration required; sign up in advance at the location where the event will be held.

All programs for grades 5-12, unless noted. Teen only events are for teens in grades 7-12.

Tween only events are for tweens in grades 5-8. Questions? Call Teen Services 553-7807.

Galley Review Group

September 2, October 7, November 4,
4-5 pm, Central

Be the first to read new teen books, even before they are published! Provide feedback to publishers, meet other teen readers and make your voice heard. Special advance reader copies will be available for checkout at each meeting. Bring a friend. Prize drawings! Ages 12-18 years.

Drop Zone

September 4, October 2, November 6,
4-5 pm, Eastwood
September 18, October 16, November 20,
4-5 pm, Washington Square

Drop in downstairs @ your library! Enjoy games, crafts, food and fun. Take a spin on the DDR dance pads or become your very own Guitar Hero. FOOD! Tweens only.

Teen Tour

September 15, 6-7 pm, Central

Come see what Teen Services has to offer this school year! Take a guided tour of the Teen Area. Learn about homework help. Meet the librarians, checkout the databases and sign up for a library card!

J-Pop Club

September 22, October 27, November 24,
3:30-5 pm, Central

If you love Japanese pop culture, then you'll love this super casual club! Enjoy the latest media (and food) straight from Japan. Anime, manga and pocky for all, stop in at anytime during the event! Teens only.

Tween Central

September 24, October 22,
3:30-5 pm, Central

The central location for all things tween. Help Teen and Children's staff plan other events for tweens and have your voice heard while having fun! Crafts, games, food and fun! Drop in at anytime. Tweens only.

Make Your Own Sketchbook

November 8, 2-4 pm, Central
November 22, 2-4 pm, Oshtemo

Making a book is a lot easier than you think. In this class, offered by an instructor from the Kalamazoo Book Arts Center, we will sew and create covers for a handmade book. Participants will use traditional materials and a non-adhesive binding technique to make their own sketchbook. Why buy a blank journal when you can make your own?

Spa-lamazoo! **R**

November 15, 1-3 pm, Central

Create your own spa kit.
All materials provided.
Soap, lip gloss lotions and more! Relax at KPL's first Spa-lamazoo party.
Teens only!



Teen Halloween

October 25,
Doors open 6:30 pm,
Performance 7 pm, KIA

So much fun it's scary! Trick or treat with Crawlspace Eviction's funky improv, dress up for the costume contest, and rock to the beat of a DJ-spinning your favorites. Best of all, eat candy that you didn't have to collect! Co-sponsored by KPL, the KIA, and Kalamazoo Education for the Arts. Pick up a FREE ticket at the KIA or the Central Library Teen Desk. Teens only!



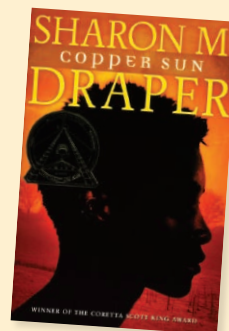


Meet Sharon Draper

October 1, 7 pm, Central



Chat with author Sharon Draper about all her books, including *Tears of a Tiger* and *November Blues*. Ms Draper will weave a spell with words as she talks about the power of books and answers any questions you have. Come prepared for a delightful mixture of reading, laughter, and inspiration.



A professional educator as well as an accomplished writer and *New York Times* bestselling author, Sharon Draper has been honored as a National Teacher of the Year and received the Coretta Scott King Literary Award five times, including the 2007 winner, *Copper Sun*. Her twenty-five award-winning books are popular in schools all over the country.



Kalamazoo County
Juvenile Home Foundation

teen read week

october 12-18, 2008



Join T.A.B.

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) members help Teen Services staff plan and promote great teen programs, work on community service projects, discuss books, movies, music and web sites, have snacks, play games, and just have fun! Membership looks great on resumes, job and college applications. Must be in 7-12 grades!

Central T.A.B.

September 11 and 25
October 9 and 23
November 13
3:30-5 pm, Central

Eastwood T.A.B.

September 16
October, 21
November 18
4-5 pm, Eastwood

Books with Bite

It's the 11th anniversary of Teen Read Week! Read for the fun of it and have dinner with a member of the teen staff! Order up a copy of a dinnertime read anytime at the Teen Desk and discuss your entrée while eating a delicious meal! Registration required. Call 553-7807 to register for any or all the dates.

Pizza Feast: October 14, 4-5:30 pm, Central

Hope was Here by Joan Bauer
Burger Wuss by M.T. Anderson
Chew on This by Eric Schlosser

Food Tacos: October 15, 4-5:30 pm, Central

My Cup Runneth Over: The Life of Angelica Cookson Potts
by Cherry Whytock
Adventures of Blue Avenger
by Norma Howe
Macaroni Boy
by Katherine Ayres

Read-a-Thon

October 18, 10 am-4 pm, Central

Teen Services will host a 6 hour Read-a-Thon to benefit Kalamazoo area Loaves and Fishes! Pick up a registration form at the Teen Desk, gather pledges of non-perishable food items and read all day! Donations need to be turned in by November 1. Lunch, snacks and prizes all day long!



Central Library
Teen Services
315 S Rose St
553-7807

Eastwood
1112 Gayle Ave
553-7810

Oshtemo
7265 W Main St
553-7980

Alma Powell
1000 W Paterson St
553-7960

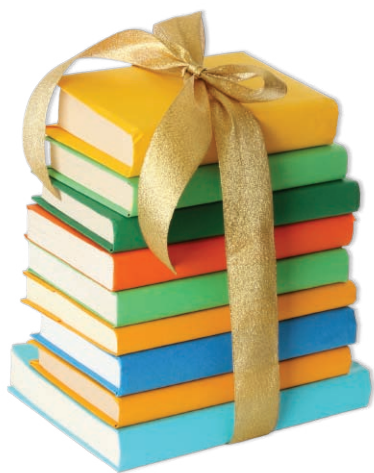
Washington Square
1244 Portage St
553-7970

friends

sidewalk sale

September 13, 9 am-3:30 pm, Central Library sidewalk

Replace the books you left at the summer cottage or on the beach this summer! Browse through tables full of fiction, assorted non-fiction and children's titles, all for only 10¢ per book.



gift book sale

Shop the annual Gift Book Sale starting November 28, the Friday after Thanksgiving, beginning at 10 am. Sale continues while supplies last—shop early for the best selection!

Friends members are invited to a special preview of the Gift Book Sale on Tuesday, November 25, from 1 to 3 pm, to thank them for their support of the library through their Friends membership.

All year long, the Friends save mint condition books for this special event. Bookstore customers look forward to the chance to buy holiday gifts at less than half of retail prices. It's also a perfect time to treat yourself to some desirable volumes. Don't miss it!

friends membership

Friends of the Library; as the name implies we focus on that vital community resource, Kalamazoo Public Library. Our mission is to "support and enhance the policies and programs" of the library. How do we facilitate this lofty aim?

Between 12-15 members serve on our board of directors. The Friends Board meets with library personnel the second Wednesday of most months to share ideas and plans. Meetings are open to the public. Come see how we work.



Above: The Friends 2008-2009 board of directors.

Left: Friends staff and president prepare for the board meeting.



Some 40 volunteers staff the Friends Bookstore. Last year, bookstore proceeds helped fund the summer reading programs and many additional library needs. The store makes books, music, and movies affordable to all at very modest prices.

More than 300 persons support Friends' goals with their membership dollars. Won't you swell our ranks? Our modest annual dues are tax deductible. Please help the Kalamazoo Public Library continue to meet community needs by joining the Friends of the Library. Send your check with attached form today!



membership application

<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$5
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporter	\$25
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Donor	\$50
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$100

Name _____

List all included on membership.

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

☐ Check if OK to send Friends notices via email.

Dues are tax deductible. Please send form and check, payable to Friends of the Library, to:

Friends of the Library
Kalamazoo Public Library
315 S. Rose St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

store hours

Wednesday	12 noon - 7 pm
Thursday	10 am - 4 pm
Friday	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	10 am - 4 pm

Located on the lower level of the Central Library. Questions? Call 553-7820.

www.kpl.gov

Kalamazoo Public Library recently launched a new, more interactive website! Check out the blogs, staff profiles and picks, topic guides, photo galleries, events calendars, and more.

teens

www.kpl.gov/teens

Meet the new librarian on the teens blog, join T.A.B. link to homework help, sneak a peek at Galley Review Group.

tweens

www.kpl.gov/tweens

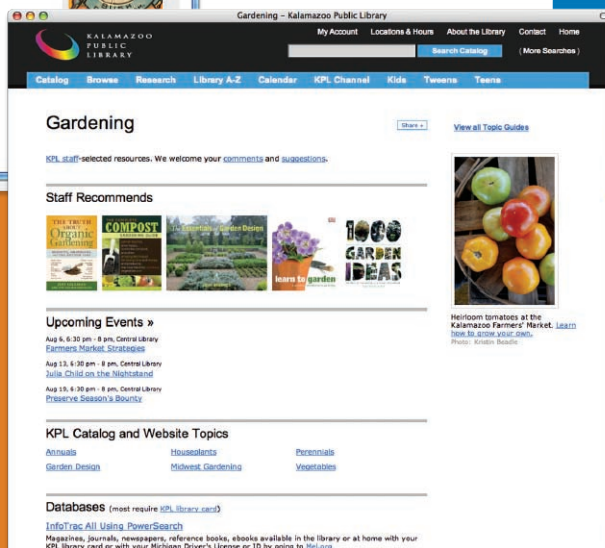
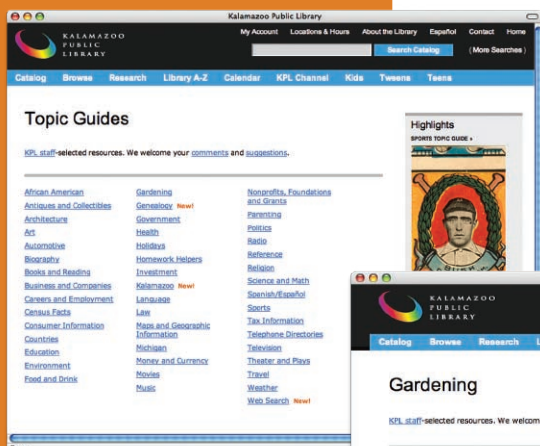
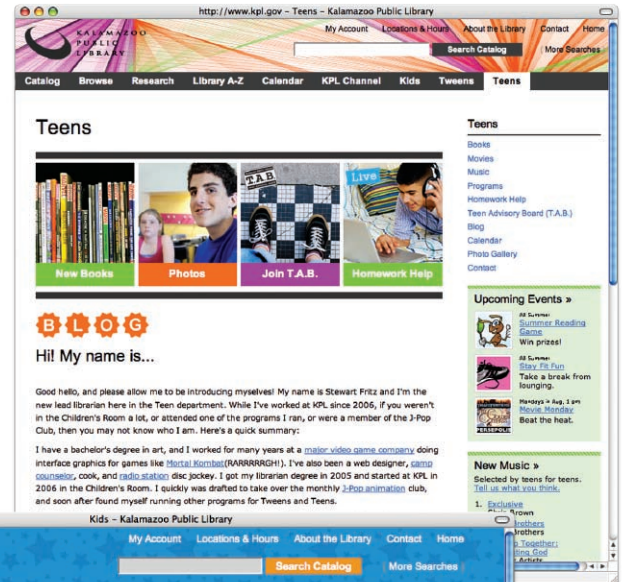
Chill at after-school hangouts just for tweens—Tween Central and Drop Zone. Check the tween calendar for dates.

kids

www.kpl.gov/kids

See what's new in books, movies and music for kids, learn about reading games and the Global Reading Challenge.

Sections for kids, tweens, teens, and Ready to Read each have a unique design that works within the overall website layout while appealing to their special audiences.

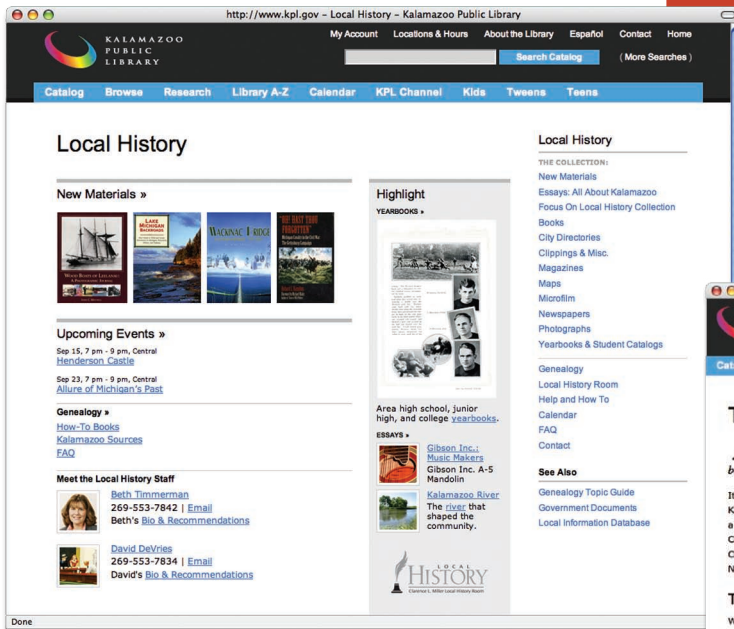


topic guides

www.kpl.gov/guides

Selected resources on dozens of topics, from art and architecture to theater and travel. Features staff-recommended books, library catalog topics, community info, relevant newspapers, magazines, databases, websites, and events. Don't know where to start your research on a specific topic? Check our guides first!

Web architecture and visual design, Insite Web Publishing; Ektron CMS400.Net content management system.



local history

www.kpl.gov/local-history

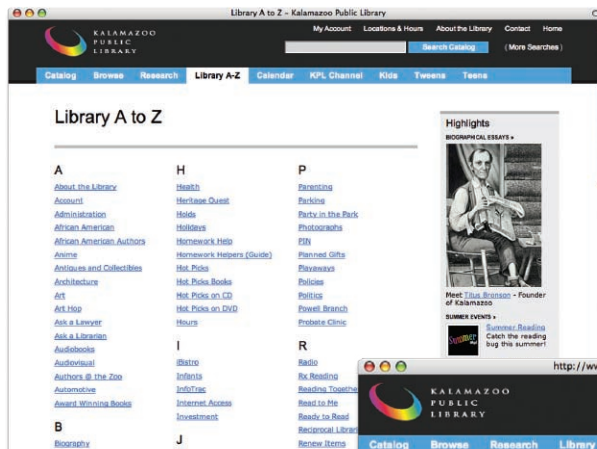
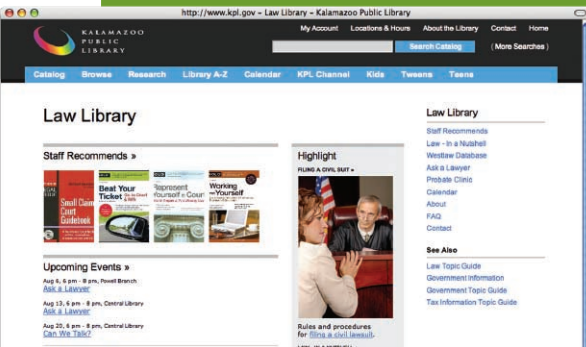
Read 100+ illustrated essays all about Kalamazoo. Check local high school and college yearbooks in the collection. Review 2 million citations to local publications, 3,000 local historical photographs, and 1,000 agencies, groups, and clubs online.



law library

www.kpl.gov/law-library

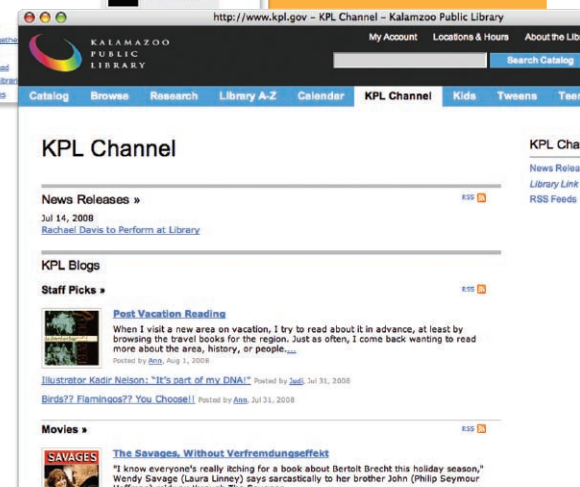
Features 30 legal "Nutshells," short descriptions about common legal problems on subjects ranging from credit reports to eviction to marijuana to what to do if you're arrested plus info on free monthly legal clinics.



library a to z

www.kpl.gov/a-z

Not sure where to start? Check the website's index.



kpl channel

www.kpl.gov/channel

News releases, blogs, links to KPL's Flickr and YouTube accounts.

director's note

the greening of kpl



Along with you, KPL is concerned about our environment. Libraries are green by their very nature since we share books, movies and music with you. But as responsible citizens, we also recycle materials, purchase products with recycled content, and use low impact cleaning products.



The library utilizes high efficiency heating/cooling equipment in varied sizes—its use is staged according to outside air temps. Temps are turned down and air handling fans automatically shut off during unoccupied hours. Lighting is controlled by computer timing and occupancy sensors.

We recycle cardboard and office paper, printer toner cartridges, fluorescent tubes, and used batteries. We also recycle books. Most of those books go to the Friends Bookstore, many others

go to Better World Books, a non-profit organization that raises funds for libraries and literacy initiatives.

Have you visited Central Library lately? We're replacing the ten year old carpet. The new tiled stairs are much more durable and easier to clean. The new carpet is 35% recycled content; the old carpet will be recycled, too.

Sometime this fall, we'll use up the supply of plastic book bags we give to patrons. After they're gone, we'll sell a "green" KPL tote made of recycled material to those who want a library bag.

We'll continue to look for ways to lessen our impact on the environment. If you have any suggestions, please write to cro@kpl.gov. Use the word "green" in the subject line. Thanks!

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Autumn Fun

Storytime with Mr. Steve & Friends
September 10, October 14, November 11, 6:30 pm, Central, Van Deusen Room

A storytime for the whole family, complete with celebrity readers, musical guests, and zany crafts. Expect the unexpected when Mr. Steve gets a little help from his friends.

Music and Make Believe (M&Ms) ®
September 23, 9:30 am and 10:30 am, Central
September 24, 9:30 am and 10:30 am, Central
September 25, 10:30 am, Oshtemo

Based on the book *The Maestro Plays* by Bill Martin Jr., the ever-popular M&Ms features a storytime, craft activity, and child-friendly performance by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra String Quartet. Ages 4-6. Groups welcome. Registration required.

Kevin Devine's Musical Circus
October 2, 6:30 pm, Oshtemo

Join award-winning family entertainer, songwriter and recording artist Kevin Devine for an evening of rollicking, participatory sing-along fun! Kevin brings along a cavalcade of instruments and leads the fun with call-and-response songs, dancing and plenty of audience participation. Kevin's repertoire includes hundreds of originals, pop songs, novelty songs, folk songs from many cultures and even some make-'em-up-as-you-go songs—something for everyone!

Lotsa Pizzabilities ®
October 8, 6:30-7:30 pm, Washington Square
October is National Pizza Month! Time to celebrate one of our favorite foods. We'll share interesting pizza facts and read delicious pizza stories. Roll up your sleeves and knead some pizza dough and finish by indulging in some pizza eating. Family program.

Making Faces ®
October 15, 6:30-7:30 pm, Washington Square
October is a great month to make a mask. You can pretend to be someone or something else by making your own mask to wear. Be creative, but don't be surprised if you feel a little mysterious. Grades K & up.

Meet the Author: Nic Bishop
October 21, 7 pm, Eastwood

Award-winning children's author and world-renowned nature photographer Nic Bishop is ready to give you the shivers. Highlighting his new book *Spiders*, Nic will share slides and stories, including details of his latest adventures in Australia. Books available for sale and signing.

Scary Stories
October 22, 6 pm, Powell

Read, listen or tell scary stories. Family program.

Sweet and Spooky ®
October 22, 6:30-7:30 pm, Washington Square
Create a creepy candy house to frighten friends and family. Halloween gingerbread houses. Grades 2-6.

Movie & Popcorn
Monster House, October 29, 6 pm, Powell
Spiderwick Chronicles, November 29, 2 pm, Powell
Enjoy a good family movie and yummy popcorn!

Pumpkin Parade ®
October 29, 6:30-7:30 pm, Washington Square
Celebrate pumpkins! We'll share stories, a craft and a snack all with a focus on the fun of the big orange gourd. Best enjoyed by families and children 3 years and older.

Look Who's Coming to Dinner
November 4, 6:30 pm, Eastwood
Where are you in the food chain? Karen Wilson from the Kalamazoo Nature Center will lead us through who eats whom, including displays of mammal skins, insect specimens, and a real live red tailed hawk and black rat snake.

Game Day
November 28, 2-4 pm, Powell
Play our games or bring one of your own to share. Monopoly, Pictionary, Scrabble and for the little ones; Cootie, Hungry Hungry Hippos, and Chutes and Ladders. Grades K-5.

Storytimes

Storytimes for children from birth to 5 years. Librarians consider children's developmental stages when planning stories, fingerplays, and craft activities. Please enroll your child in the appropriate program, and bring only the child who is registered to each session. An adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers up to 3½ years. Questions? Talk to your children's librarian.

Baby Storytime I, birth-walking ®
Storytime for the youngest library patron!
15-30 minutes of rhymes, songs, and books followed by a chance to talk and bond with other caregivers.

Thursdays, 10:30 am, Oshtemo
September 11, 18, 25

Thursdays, 10 am, Eastwood
October 2, 9, 16, 23

Mondays, 9:30 am, Central
November 3, 10, 17, 24

Baby Storytime II, walking-2 years ®
15-30 minutes of rhymes, songs, and books that give your little one a chance to try the newly learned skills of walking, clapping, jumping, and dancing.

Thursdays, 11:15 am, Oshtemo
September 11, 18, 25

Thursdays, 10:45 am, Eastwood
October 2, 9, 16, 23

Mondays, 10:30 am, Central
November 3, 10, 17, 24

Toddler Storytime, 2-3½ years ®
Toddlers and caregivers will enjoy this lap-sit of stories, songs, and a simple craft.

Fridays, 10:30 am, Washington Square
September 5, 12, 19, 26

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Oshtemo
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Wednesdays, 10:30 am, Eastwood
November 5, 12, 19, 26

® Registration required. Registration begins 30 days before program. Please call the library location to register.

Preschool Storytime, 3½-5 years ®
This first "on your own" storytime for preschoolers includes stories, crafts, fingerplays, and other fun activities.

Mondays, 10 am, Central
September 8, 15, 22, 29

Fridays, 10:30 am, Washington Square
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Thursdays, 10:30 am, Oshtemo
November 6, 13, 20, 27

Family Storytime
Storytime for the whole family! If program is at noon, feel free to bring your own brownbag lunch and a beverage, and we will entertain you while you eat!

Tuesdays, 12 noon, Alma Powell
September 9, 23
October 14, 28
November 11, 25

Wednesdays, 10 am, Eastwood
September 3, 10, 17, 24

Mondays, 10 am, Central
October 6, 13, 20, 27

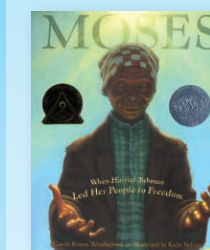
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Picture Books for the Ages

31st Annual Mary Caletto Rife Children's Literature Seminar

November 14, 9 am-4 pm, Fetzer Center, Western Michigan University



Kadir Nelson began drawing at the age of three. "I have always been an artist," Nelson explains. "It's part of my DNA." With encouragement from his uncle, an artist and art instructor, Nelson experimented with different media and began painting in oils at sixteen. Upon graduating with honors from Pratt Institute, Nelson began his career as an artist. In 1999, he began to collaborate with several notable authors, illustrating such award-winning picture books as *Ellington Was Not a Street* and *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*. Registration required; \$35 fee includes lunch. Call 553-7804 or register online, www.kpl.gov/child-lit-seminar.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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R Preschool Storytime 8 10 am, CEN, <i>3½-5 yrs</i>	Family Storytime 9 12 noon, POW, <i>family</i>	Family Storytime 10 10 am, EAS, <i>family</i> Storytime with Mr. Steve & Friends 6:30 pm, CEN, <i>family</i>	R Baby Storytime I 11 10:30 am, OSH <i>birth-walking</i> R Baby Storytime II 11:15 am, OSH <i>walking-2 yrs</i>	R Toddler Storytime 12 10:30 am, WSQ, <i>2-3½ yrs</i>	13
R Preschool Storytime 15 10 am, CEN, <i>3½-5 yrs</i>	16	Family Storytime 17 featuring Julius the Cat 10 am, EAS, <i>family</i>	R Baby Storytime I 18 10:30 am, OSH <i>birth-walking</i> R Baby Storytime II 11:15 am, OSH <i>walking-2 yrs</i>	R Toddler Storytime 19 10:30 am, WSQ, <i>2-3½ yrs</i>	20
R Preschool Storytime 22 10 am, CEN, <i>3½-5 yrs</i>	R M&Ms 23 9:30 <i>and</i> 10:30 am, CEN <i>4-6 yrs</i> Family Storytime 12 noon, POW, <i>family</i>	R M&Ms 24 9:30 <i>and</i> 10:30 am, CEN <i>4-6 yrs</i> Family Storytime 10 am, EAS, <i>family</i>	R M&Ms 25 10:30 am, OSH, <i>4-6 yrs</i> R Baby Storytime I 10:30 am, OSH <i>birth-walking</i> R Baby Storytime II 11:15 am, OSH <i>walking-2 yrs</i>	R Toddler Storytime 26 10:30 am, WSQ, <i>2-3½ yrs</i>	27
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Family Storytime 6 10 am, CEN, <i>family</i>	7	R Toddler Storytime 8 10:30 am, OSH, <i>2-3½ yrs</i> R Lotsa Pizzabilities 6:30 pm, WSQ, <i>family</i>	R Baby Storytime I 9 10 am, EAS <i>birth-walking</i> R Baby Storytime II 10:45 am, EAS <i>walking-2 yrs</i>	R Preschool Storytime 10 10:30 am, WSQ, <i>3½-5 yrs</i>	11
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Family Storytime 20 10 am, CEN, <i>family</i>	Meet the Author: 21 Nic Bishop 7 pm, EAS, <i>family</i>	R Toddler Storytime 22 10:30 am, OSH, <i>2-3½ yrs</i> Scary Stories 6 pm, POW, <i>family</i> R Sweet and Spooky 6:30 pm, WSQ, <i>gr 2-6</i>	R Baby Storytime I 23 10 am, EAS <i>birth-walking</i> R Baby Storytime II 10:45 am, EAS <i>walking-2 yrs</i>	R Preschool Storytime 24 10:30 am, WSQ, <i>3½-5 yrs</i>	25
Family Storytime 27 10 am, CEN, <i>family</i>	Family Storytime 28 12 noon, POW, <i>family</i>	R Toddler Storytime 29 10:30 am, OSH, <i>2-3½ yrs</i> Movie & Popcorn Monster House 6 pm, POW, <i>family</i> R Pumpkin Parade 6:30 pm, WSQ, <i>family</i>	30 Library Closed Staff In-Service Day	R Preschool Storytime 31 10:30 am, WSQ, <i>3½-5 yrs</i>	Key to Locations CEN Central EAS Eastwood OSH Oshtemo POW Alma Powell WSQ Washington Square R Registration Required

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R Baby Storytime I 24 9:30 am, CEN <i>birth-walking</i> R Baby Storytime II 10:30 am, CEN <i>walking-2 yrs</i>	Family Storytime 25 12 noon, POW, <i>family</i>	R Toddler Storytime 26 10:30 am, EAS, <i>2-3½ yrs</i>	R Preschool Storytime 27 10:30 am, OSH, <i>3½-5 yrs</i>	Family Storytime 28 10:30 am, WSQ, <i>family</i> Game Day 2-4 pm, POW, <i>gr K-5</i>	Movie & Popcorn 29 Spiderwick Chronicles 2 pm, POW, <i>family</i>